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**Introduced by Senator Runner**

February 22, 2006

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An act relating to probation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1420, as introduced, Runner. Probation: officers: funding.

This bill expresses legislative intent to provide funding for targeted priorities within adult probation services.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares the  
2 following:

3 (a) California is one of only two states where the primary  
4 funding for adult probation services comes exclusively from  
5 county general funds and offender fees. The State of California  
6 currently provides approximately three hundred million dollars  
7 annually for juvenile probation services.

8 (b) Probation departments in California provide probation  
9 services to over 400,000 probationers a year.

10 (c) More than 75 percent of these probationers are adults, and  
11 approximately 250,000 adult probationers have felony  
12 convictions.

13 (d) Nevertheless, less than 25 percent of funds allocated for  
14 probation services are designated for adult probation services.

15 (e) Probation departments must have stable and adequate  
16 funding to protect the public and ensure accountability and  
17 rehabilitation.

1     Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature to provide funding  
2     for adult probation services for targeted priorities, such as the  
3     monitoring of sex offenders and other high-risk probationers.

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